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German Gebrauchsmuster No. 295 07 235. UK Patent Application Publication No. 2 299 309 corresponds to this document.

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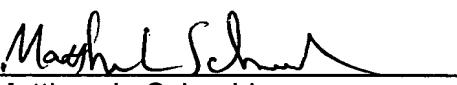
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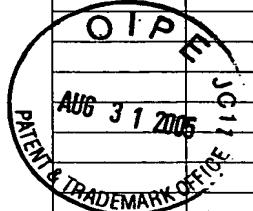
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